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For	:	METHOD FOR INERT GAS WELDING OR INERT GAS SOLDERING OF WORKPIECES COMPRISING IDENTICAL OR DIFFERENT METALS OR METAL ALLOYS BY MEANS OF AN ADDITIONAL ZN/AL METAL
Examiner	:	Unknown
Group Art Unit	:	Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. National Phase application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.